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Dear Larry:

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_____ turned over to me your letter of 24 July and asked me to deal directly with you, which, of course, I am only too glad to do. Thank you very much for your help in the _____ case. Your approach to _____ was exactly right and just what we hoped for. As you say, this is an extraordinarily unfortunate case and has become rather a test of whether we can be of any practical help to career employees when they get into trouble.

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I believe it would be appropriate to tell _____ that we have been able to help _____ arrange to pay off his sanitarium expenses in very small increments. The sanitarium was very cooperative and understanding, and I believe this has been a considerable help. It does not by any means solve the problem though, and, as you imply, the unpredictable activities of _____ will continue to be his main problem.

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The retirement fund you mention was discussed by _____ and myself at some length a couple of weeks ago. We hope he will not have to dig into it, as it represents almost his sole asset for future care. If, however, he needs to refinance, we could help him get his retirement pay and, in effect, he would be borrowing from himself.

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If _____ really believes it would be useful, I believe there is no reason he cannot tell _____ that the Agency has been in touch with him. I believe it would be better though not to bring it up. Our main concern at the moment is _____ feeling that his troubles interfere with his work to the extent that he should resign. We would like to see him try to weather it and if _____ feels it proper he might have an opportunity to encourage _____ to stick with the Agency. Thanks again.

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Sincerely yours,

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